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RAPID GROWTH OF RURAL DELIVERY

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Tells of Its Operations.

Raleigh, N. C., July 5.—Reviewing in great detail the legislative history attending the development of the rural free delivery service in this country, P. V. De Graw, fourth assistant postmaster general, today declared that "from the viewpoint of morale," that service was far in advance of any other of the civil service. In order to sustain that claim for excellence, the fourth assistant postmaster general quoted statistics to show that last year out of 41,000 carriers only 175 had been dismissed for cause.

Mr. DeGraw's address was delivered before the North Carolina State convention of rural carriers, assembled here. He appeared as the representative of the postmaster general.

Many Rural Carriers.

"There are now in operation throughout the United States 41,089 rural routes, served by 41,007 rural carriers," he said, in summing up the present force engaged in that work. "The appropriations for the establishment and maintenance of rural delivery for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1910, was \$37,260,000 and the appropriation for the fiscal year which commenced July 1, 1910, is \$38,60,000. Since rural delivery was first established the approximate sum of \$206,430,800 has been spent in extending and maintaining the service."

Its History.

Reverting to the beginning of the rural free delivery service Mr. DeGraw said:

"For a good many years the residents of the larger cities had enjoyed the privilege of having their mail delivered to them by carriers at their residences daily. Based upon a recommendation made by postmaster general Wanamaker, a joint resolution was passed by the 51st congress and approved on Oct. 1, 1890, authorizing the postmaster general to test at small towns and villages the practicability and expense of extending the free delivery system to offices of the third and fourth class and other offices not embraced in the free delivery. The experiment was put on trial and continued until three years later when postmaster general Bissell, in his report for the fiscal year 1894, recommended that the service be discontinued or extended to 40,000 other postoffices. Congress accepted the first alternative and discontinued the appropriation."

Growth of the Service.

After several unsuccessful attempts to establish rural free delivery an experimental service was begun on Oct. 1, 1896, and between that date and June 30, 1897, there were 83 routes established out of 43 postoffices in 29 states. This beginning was made upon appropriations aggregating \$40,000 and the results obtained proved that the experimental service had rendered benefits in excess of the expenditures involved and that under wise restrictions it could be continued with advantage.

"When it is stated that rural carriers throughout the United States travel 304,000,000 miles a year it seems incomprehensible and beyond belief," said Mr. DeGraw, who then reviewed the growth of the service in North and South Carolina and in Georgia.



A Pointed Question!

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PRIZES FOR GOOD SPORT

Light concert in Cleveland

ARRESTED IN

CRAP SHOOTING PARTY.

Officers Henderson, Stevens and Smith broke up a quiet little crap game in an alley off Utah street, between Second and Third, late Monday night. Five persons, all white, were arrested, one of them a woman. The officers confiscated the dice and a quantity of change. A number of others in the game made off when the police were sighted. It is estimated that about 20 were in the game. Those arrested were taken to the police station, where they gave their names as James Johnson, Albert Jones, Joe Wilson, Jack Kelly and Mary Jones. Each put up a \$10 bond for appearance in police court Tuesday afternoon.

WOUNDED MEXICAN TREATED

AT EMERGENCY STATION.

Covered with blood and with his scalp torn and forehead cut, Emilio Ruiz, staggered into police headquarters Monday night. Ruiz, who has a wooden leg, said that he stumbled and fell against a window at Seventh and Stanton streets, breaking it and cutting himself. His wounds were dressed at the emergency station and he was given a bed in jail for the night, as he had lost considerable blood and was very weak. He was released Tuesday morning.

MINER CELEBRATES IN EL PASO.

A. R. McLeod, of Bent, N. M., foreman of the Tularosa Copper company's mines, spent the Fourth of July in El Paso. He states that development work is steadily progressing and great ore bodies are being opened. Mr. McLeod is an old Cripple Creek mining man and has been foreman in the Ray Consolidated in Arizona and the Chino, New Mexico.

WOULD PLEAD GUILTY.

A rather unusual case is that of Cliff Lender, who walked into the police station Monday night and gave himself up, saying he had had a fight in a saloon and wanted to pay his fine. He was told that he could not do so until court convened and heard the case. He will be given a chance to plead guilty Tuesday afternoon, although nobody has filed a complaint against him.

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the enjoying the fire-
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Girls Raced, Too.

25 yards, 14 year age
prize, a Brownie kodak,
Bandle; second prize, a
won by Julia Kelly.

50 yards, 15 year
first prize, an official
dollar, won by Guillermo Hol-
prize, an electric flash
Harry Telfer.

men's race, 50 yards, 15
First prize, a fancy
Mamie Lane; second
of bonbons, won by Ina

egg race 50 yards—First
tie pin, won by Ray-
second prize, a baseball
Martin Amador.

and Egg Race.
and egg race, 25 yards—
of chocolates, won by
second prize, a fancy
Ire Medina.

50 yards—First prize,
"The American Boy,"
Munoz; second prize,
won by Raymond

race, 75 yards—First
won by the Mott Raw-
team; second prize,
won by the Aaron
son team.

First prize, a pair of
by Lawrence Mu-
a baseball glove,
White.

men's Race.
race was on the bill.
to race for the prizes,
and a necktie. The
to sit at the ice
cream and watch the
racing themselves.